

Evaluating and Sustaining the High-Risk Team



Evaluating the High-Risk Team and Lethality Assessment Process

Evaluation is an essential element in measuring the effectiveness and impact of the HRT and lethality assessment processes and identifying any gaps in the criminal justice system or its responses to victims and offenders.

Sustaining the High-Risk Team

The HRT framework will need to incorporate a sustainability plan.

Three primary factors need to be considered when developing a plan:

- on-going training;
- continuous funding for the HRT coordinator; and
- the capacity and resources each HRT agency will incur due to increases in services. (Examples include: community-based domestic violence victim advocacy programs may experience an increase in need for shelter, advocacy, and crisis support services; law enforcement officers will likely increase their time on the scene; and an increase in new cases to the court system.)



The Data Collection Measures and Community Toolbox Recommendations will aid the HRT in designing timely and consistent data collection methods.

Kansas Coalition against Sexual and Domestic Violence - KCSDV can provide support throughout the stages of toolkit implementation, including:

- Answer questions on using a lethality assessment and high-risk team
- Assist with the development of the implementation
- Tailor a needs assessment to specific community parameters
- Guide agencies through lethality assessment selection
- Make individualized recommendations on local policies and procedures
- Provide an overview of trainings
- Support communities through the implementation process and execution of the tool and high-risk team
- Refer to national resources for guidance expertise and guidance
- Customize evaluation and analyses processes identifying challenges and solutions

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